Associated Press

SAMUEL H. BOWERS
. . . on trial for murder

Mississippi Trial

HATTIESBURG, Miss.— The State went to court for the eighth time seeking convictions for murder or arson in the 1966 firebomb death of Negro leader Vernon Dahmer. Former Ku Klux Klan leader Samuel H. Bowers Jr. was a defendant for the second time.

An earlier charge of arson against Bowers ended in a deadlock jury and a mistrial.

Bowers was one of the 13 white men indicted on State arson charges. He also was one of the eight defendants indicted for murder.

Two persons were convicted of murder in seven earlier trials and one man was convicted of arson. There were three mistrials on the murder charges when the juries could not agree/